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## Big Line of Seasonable Merchandise

At prices that can not be duplicated at our prices in the country--and many of them not even in the markets.

The Largest and Best Selection of Fall and Winter Wearing Apparel for Men, Women and Children We Have Ever Shown and Our Prices are Very Reasonable. Many of our lines of goods were contracted for months ago before the last Heavy Advances in Prices and we are thus able to undersell all competitors.

### A Barrel of Salt With Every

\$5 in Trade for \$2.75; \$10 in Trade for \$2.50

We have just received a car of barrel, sack, rock and block salt.

#### Smart Fall Millinery

The New Models are here in great variety of styles and prices. Included are the new, distinctive popular velvet hats, as well as the closely trimmed hats of superb quality Lynn's velvet or Prince styles, shown in the front page. The very best of fashions will be found in our Millinery Department.

#### Stock Foods and Salves

Linenments and many remedies for diseases in stock see page 11 of CLOTH. We have a good veterinarian here now who will carry everything needed in this line, therefore we are closing out our stock.

#### Dress Goods and Dry Goods

It will pay you to come in just now and buy in your apparel dress blues for everything of this kind will be double the present price in a few months. Besides the government has taken over this year's crop of wool for war purposes and you will not be likely to be able to buy any woolen goods next year. Our prices will surprise you.

#### Big Line of Underwear

We have a big stock of Fall and Winter Underwear which we bought early and are selling at bargain prices while the stock lasts. We are no other merchant will be able to replenish these goods this season. Buy early.

#### Shoes Shoes

We have the largest selection of shoes in the country--most of them manufactured in the city--and through us you can get the best prices. They range from \$1.50 up to \$10.00. Sizes 6 to 16. Many styles and colors and we will show where quality and price are equal. You will find many articles in our store which are not to be found elsewhere.

Heavy Gloves and Gloves, men's and women's, have been sold after the price of \$1.00. Now they may be given away free. We handle the Spring of the World and other popular brands.

**Huge Stock of Gloves and Hats**

#### New Fall and COATS

The performance of the coat of the day of cloth is the most popular. It is made of a material called mohair, which is a mixture of cotton and silk. The coat is extremely light and warm. We sincerely invite you to see our Ragamuffins.

#### Rubber Boots and Shoes

We are prepared and can furnish as many especially as having to do with messengers. One of the best and most popular Rubber Boots and Hiking Trousers. Named them in the country and during a short period of time, we are making them if they can be had in all sizes.

#### Big Line of Overalls and Work Shirts.

Heavy Blue Work Shirts, each only 98c

When you start to town with a load of produce, just ask yourself where you can get the most for it and we feel sure you will come to our store. And then we have the goods you want and at living prices, too.

**Taylor Mercantile Company,**

**Marble Hill, Missouri**

#### From France

Amerians E. F.  
Troop A 314 M. P.  
Aug. 20, 1918

Dear old Beltinger county friends. As it has been several weeks since I have written for The Press, I will try my hand again, for I know you will all be glad to read a letter from France.

Health is very good at this writing and everything is going splendidly, but it isn't worth while for me to mention it, as you are getting the news just as it is over here, and you all know the Sun ne'v' dies, as that is what they call us over here, are ready for anything that comes up.

I have met several of my friends over here and it makes me feel at home to see them.

I had an enjoyable trip over here. We came thru Scotland and England so you see it was quite a trip and I saw things that would make a man laugh. The people over here are still working oxen to their plows so you can imagine how that looked, also they beat their wheat out over a barrel or a block of wood. When they go out to haul anything they hitch a horse and an ox in the shafts of the wagon and an other in front. Sometimes they have four head to a wagon, two oxen and two horses. The harness on the horse is like that on the ox. They haven't any tugs to their wagons, but have shafts. They sure look comical to an American.

The French people take great pains in trying to teach us a few words of their language. I have learned to speak a few words and can understand pretty well.

We are having some fine weather,

warm during the day, but nice and cool at night. Fine weather to sleep and my friends all know for a great lover of sleep. Hah Hah.

I am doing guard duty. My shift is six hours and twelve hours of service. I have plenty of time to sleep.

I received a letter from home telling about the patriotic meeting at Camp Creek. I would have enjoyed attending it. I hope and pray they had a good meeting, for I am glad to hear of the good work going on.

Well, I guess I have written enough for this time. I will close by asking the prayers of the Christian people for me and my friends.

I remain as ever,

The Lonesome Soldier Boy.

#### SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

September 1, 1918.  
Mr. W. K. Chandler,  
Marble Hill, Mo.

Dear Father, I am now enjoying a little Sunday rest in an American camp in France. Am fine and dandy and get plenty of eats and sleep.

I think we will be here permanently. This is one of the oldest cities in France and it has the appearance of one, too. The weather so far has been fine, warm days and cool nights.

I have seen quite a lot of France and England and like France the better. There is some fine farming land here. We had a very pleasant trip over, no excitement. I have seen four countries since I left U. S. A., but none like the old States.

Think we will be in Berlin before long and will then get to come home. We got a daily newspaper here and keep posted on the happenings.

The boys are getting papers from U. S. A., so think I would get The Press if properly addressed and a

three cent stamp on them, so I wish you would see about it for me. I am anxious to keep up with the draft bunch.

Hope all are well, and regards to all the folks. Your son,

Roger Q. M. Chandler,  
Convalescent Camp 5, A. P. O. 753.

#### Army Terms Explained

An army corps is 60,000 men.

An infantry division is 19,000 men.

An infantry brigade is 7,000 men.

A regiment of infantry is 2,600 men.

A battalion is 1,000 men.

A company is 250 men.

A platoon is 60 men.

A corporal's squad is 8 men.

A field artillery brigade comprises 1,300 men.

A field battery has 195 men.

A firing squad is 20 men.

A supply train has 283 men.

A machine gun battalion has 296 men.

An engineers regiment has 1,098 men.

An ambulance company has 66 men.

A field hospital has 55 men.

A medical detachment has 13 men.

A major general heads the field army and also each army corps.

A brigadier general heads each infantry brigade.

A colonel heads each regiment.

A lieutenant colonel is next in rank below a colonel.

A major heads a battalion.

A captain heads a company.

A lieutenant heads a platoon.

A sergeant is next below a lieutenant.

A corporal is a squad officer.

#### The Begley Rice Farm Will Produce \$50,000 Worth Of Grain This Year

U. G. Smith, manager of the Begley rice farm at Dudley, Stoddard County, was in town this week and told a Republican reporter that the greatest rice crop ever raised on the Begley farms is now turning ripe. The water has been cut off of the fields which means that the rice is fully grown and it is now a question of reaping. Mr. Smith who was a Louisiana rice grower before he came here to take charge of this proposition is enthusiastic over the rice growing industry of this section. As an example of what a rice crop means he says that he feels perfectly safe in predicting a crop of sixty bushels to the acre this year. At Dudley he has 275 acres, a few acres of which suffered in not having pumping facilities sufficient to furnish the required amount of water. He says his crop will easily make 15,000 bushels this year. The government price is \$2.15 a bushel and he thinks it will go to 2.25.

Here is a crop grown on 275 acres of land that will market more than \$30,000. On top of this Begley has 150 acres of rice at Fisk in this county which is just as good as the Dudley farm. Mr. Smith says he is satisfied that the 400 acres of rice will yield a \$50,000 crop this year.

One of the biggest advantages this section has over the southern rice fields is that red rice, the rice grower's enemy, cannot bother because it freezes out during the cold winters in this climate. It is a violent winter.

Last year a small per cent of the

crop failed, and by frost but this year, he says, it is not expected, that the crop will be safe from frost by the 8th of October which is soon expected to be that time.

That rice is not a crop that takes the call before the harvest. This is a soil. A little covering of wheat at time when all must be producers some other such lamb will maintain and if a man will do nothing at a strong soil the rice growing. He home he will have to fight. The board has decided to enlarge this.

The board wishes to commend the reorganization for the way in which they have responded to the Questionnaire that have been mailed them.

Most of them have seemed anxious to get them in early and this lightens the burden of the board. The board also wishes to thank the attorneys and officers of the courthouse who have filled out the Questionnaires in such a speedy and efficient way.

Oscar Jack Cato was sent to Camp Funston today.

The board will finish mailing questionnaires today, and all who receive them should remember that they have only seven days to fill out and return them.

Sandy Patton an inmate of the Macon county infirmary will not be buried "on the county." For years that had been the dread of the aged negro who had once been a slave, says the Macon Republican. He had prayed to the Lord to spare him the "disgrace" of a pauper burial.

Of course the infirmary people would have buried him decently, but that would have been at the county's expense, worse than death which he did not fear. Sandy did not know of a friend who would relieve his predicament, though he had sought diligently. But finally an answer came to his prayers, an answer from a source he had not expected. When the will of Mrs. John H. Griffin was filed for probate this week there was a bequest of \$300 to give Sandy a decent burial, and now the old negro is happy. He has not a thing to fear in life nor in death.—St. Joseph Observer.

#### Local Board News

About the 7th of October there will be entrained for Camp Pine, Ark., 21 men. The names of these men will be published next week.

The board called in some men